

Class Notes	
Class: 6th	Topic: Social and Political Life Ch-3 What is Government?
Subject: Social Science	

EXERCISE QUESTION FROM NCERT TEXT BOOKS

Q1: What do you understand by the word 'government'? List five ways in which you think the government affects your daily life.

Ans: 'Government' can be defined as a group of people that governs a community or unit. It takes decisions, makes and enforces laws for the citizens of the country.

Five ways in which the government affects one's daily life are as follows:

1. Supplying water and electricity
2. Building, maintaining and repairing roads
3. Providing a good public transport system
4. Fixing and reducing the prices of essential commodities
5. Ensuring the proper functioning of its various administrations.

Q2: Why do you think the government needs to make rules for everyone in the form of laws?

Ans: The Government needs laws to maintain peace and order in the society. Law establishes justice. It is meant to achieve constitutional ideas i.e. equality and right against discrimination. Law makes it compulsory for the people to obey it.

Q3. Name three essential features of a democratic government.

Ans: Three essential features of a democratic government are:

1. People have the right to elect their own government through elections.
2. Government is accountable to its people.
3. Universal Adult Franchise should be there.

Q4. What was the suffrage movement? What did it accomplish?

Ans- The movement for women's voting right in USA and Europe during first world war is known as suffrage movement.

It gives right to vote to American women in 1920 and women in USA got the voting rights in 1928.

Q5. Gandhiji strongly believe that every adult in India should be given the right to vote. However, a few people don't share his views. Many feel that illiterate people who are mainly poor should not be given the right to vote. What do you think? Do you think that this would be a form of discrimination? Give five points to support your view.

Ans- Every person must get the right to vote even if they are illiterate.

Yes, definitely this would be a form of discrimination.

1. The constitution of India says all citizens are equal.
2. Voting enables people to choose their leaders and express their opinion in democracy.
3. Elected government works for all citizens, not just for literate and rich people.
4. A few minorities should not decide the fate of the majority.
5. It is not a crime to be poor, hence they should be given the right to vote.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Q1.Distinguish between monarchy and democracy.

Ans

Monarchy	Democracy
1. The kings get the office by hereditary.	1. The government is elected by the people.
2. King has the power to make decision and run the government.	2. People rule themselves.
3. King is not accountable to the people. ex: Saudi Arabia, Oman	3. Government is accountable to the people. ex: India, Sri Lanka

Q2 “Democratic government at present is referred to a representative democracy”. Explain the statement.

Ans:- In a representative democracy people do not participate directly. They choose their own representatives through elections. Moreover, their representatives meet and make decision for the entire population. So it can be concluded that democratic government can also be referred as a representative democracy.

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